# *If There Were.....*

a group of knowledgeable men and women who believed our country could lead in progress toward an end to war;

## *And if...*

this group had conceived a grid of the tasks which must be undertaken, the issues addressed, the audiences and agencies engaged if Americans are to come into agreement on our right role in world affairs;

## *And if...*

these people then set out to catalyze the work and relationships needed:

**establishing** a common work process for leaders of major organizations in the field; **bringing** such independent sector groups into new and searching exchanges with the Department of State; **assuring** sustained work in regions outside the East Coast; **offering** the help major non-governmental organizations in our country need to develop their own appropriate contributions to work for an end to war; **launching** programs to improve pre-collegiate education, to recruit and train young internes for full-time work with a wide range of organizations and institutions, to sustain steady work on the flow of specific issues which dominate each day headlines;

and had set all this work in a continuing well-developed political and ethical perspective;

## *And if...*

that perspective avoided the usual simplistic attacks on only American military programs and focused instead on ideas and specific proposals capable, perhaps, of bringing our country and other nations now indifferent or hostile to the goal of ending war into agreement on common efforts to achieve that goal;

## *And if...*

their organization, through books and articles, reached minds as varied in their opinions as readers of *Mademoiselle* or the *Seattle Times, Commentary, Dissent,* or *Momentum,* a leading Catholic educational journal; and through its programs reached audiences as diverse as a Naval Reserve unit, the League of Women Voters, a Chamber of Commerce and a Quaker foreign policy group;

and did all this in ways which drew the respect of some of the most qualified scholars in research centers like Harvard's Center for International Affairs and the University of California's Institute of International Studies;

## *And if...*

you knew these people had named their organization the **WORLD WITHOUT WAR COUNCIL,** combining a visionary title with a hard-headed approach to world politics—and had persisted in this work for some eighteen years;

# *Would you help in their work ?*

Some current examples: an ambitious project (in cooperation with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency) to develop a creative American response to the arms race; a new effort to improve television programming in this field; a joint endeavor with a leading philanthropic center to enlarge foundation interest in this field; a project engaging some two hundred international affairs specialists in proposing government initiatives capable of producing agreement on progress toward universal, inspected disarmament, world law, global development and world community.

A failure, like everyone else who has made the attempt, the Council has learned prudence and realism without abandoning its commitment to creative work.

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have helped the Council.

# *Will You?*